The Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is the interface for trade unions with the organisation and its members. It is an international trade union, which has consultative status at the OECD. TUAC represents the views of the labour movement throughout the organisation, including at the annual Ministerial Council Meeting, in Committees and Working Groups, and G20 and G7 processes.
TUAC’s policy advocacy is aimed at creating shared prosperity within and between countries, including through quality jobs, and at asserting the positive role of trade unions, social dialogue and collective bargaining in achieving inclusive and sustainable growth. Access to OECD discussions enables TUAC to act as a “first mover” on behalf of the labour movement in responding to new and emerging policy challenges.

TUAC cooperates with the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), with which it co-ordinates trade union inputs to the G20 and G7 processes, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the Council of Nordic Trade Unions (NFS). On sector specific issues, TUAC works with the Global Union Federations (GUFs) and is a member of the Council of Global Unions.

PLENARY SESSION
The Plenary Session is TUAC’s official decision-making body. It meets twice a year, convening affiliates and representatives of other international trade union organisations. The Plenary Session discusses and approves policy statements and future priorities, the work programme and budget. It also elects TUAC Officers for four-year renewable terms: the President, Vice-Presidents and the General Secretary, who take the lead in steering policy, and also officially represent the TUAC.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
The Plenary Session is supported by the Administrative Committee, which is in charge of overseeing the management of TUAC. The Administrative Committee comprises the President, Vice-Presidents and the General Secretary, as well as a number of TUAC affiliates.

TUAC SECRETARIAT
Led by the General Secretary of the TUAC, the team of policy advisors and support staff coordinates trade union inputs to the OECD, including facilitating exchanges among affiliates, as well as between affiliates and the OECD.

KEY POLICY AREAS
OECD Ministerial & membership
Employment & economic policy
Social policy, skills & training
Environment, climate & energy
Development cooperation & SDGs
Responsible business conduct
Trade, investment & competition
Corp. affairs, tax, pensions & finance
Public governance & regulation
Innovation & digital economy

What we do

CONVEYING TRADE UNION POSITIONS
An annual meeting of the TUAC/OECD Liaison Committee is organised with members of the OECD Council and the Secretariat to allow for exchanges on future policy priorities and recommendations. TUAC releases a statement for, and attends, the annual OECD Ministerial Council Meeting. It also submits policy inputs to the OECD throughout the year.

Facilitating Policy Dialogue
TUAC’s consultative status at the OECD enables an ongoing social dialogue. On average, over 500 trade union representatives take part in TUAC and OECD meetings each year.

Disseminating OECD Policies
TUAC briefs affiliates on current OECD projects and policies on an ongoing basis and coordinates policy statements and evaluates the outcomes of OECD meetings and publications. The TUAC secretariat regularly presents OECD policy issues at trade union and other external meetings.

Convening Meetings
TUAC has three standing Working Groups – Economic Policy, Responsible Business Conduct, and Education and Training with employment as an overarching issue. They are open to all affiliates, international trade unions and TUAC partner organisations. In addition, ad-hoc meetings are held to address specific topics. The Working Groups prepare TUAC positions for the biannual Plenary Sessions, as well as for consultations with the OECD.

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66
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